

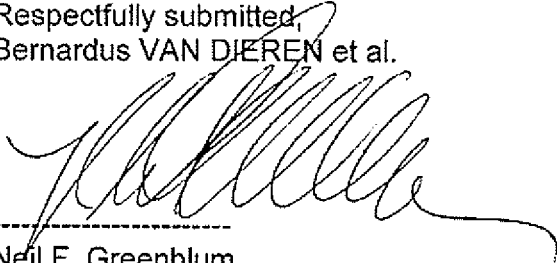
REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing replacement sheets and amendment to the claims upon which the International Preliminary Examination Report is based is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes that the instant amendment has been prepared to eliminate multiply dependent claims, thereby reducing governmental filing fees. Thus, Applicant submits the scope of the claims has not been narrowed for any reasons related to a basis of patentability, and, therefore, that no estoppel should attach.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bernardus VAN DIEREN et al.



Neil F. Greenblum  
Reg. No. 28,394

Robert W. Mueller  
Reg. No. 35,043

July 31, 2006  
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.  
1950 Roland Clarke Place  
Reston, VA 20191  
(703) 716-11919